

Idaho Family to Receive Fallen Hero Foundation's First Memorial Quilt

Bonnors Ferry, ID November 7, 2011 - A Bonnors Ferry family will receive the Patchwork Memorials Fallen Heroes Foundation's inaugural memorial photo quilt. The handmade quilt will be presented on Veterans Day to the family of Sergeant Joshua K. Kirk in a brief dedication ceremony and represents the first of more than 6,000 quilts the Foundation hopes to create and donate to families of members of the military who have been killed in combat since the September 11, 2001 attack on America. Sergeant Kirk was killed October 3, 2009 in Afghanistan when his combat outpost was attacked by enemy insurgents.

The memorial quilt features 16 photographs submitted by the family which have been printed on patches and is extensively embroidered with tributes from the family honoring Sgt Kirk. The outside border of the quilt is made from the same type of camouflage fabric worn by Sgt. Kirk.

Memorial quilts are a time honored tradition in America dating back to the beginning of the country when neighbors would get together and sew a memorial quilt to bring comfort to a grieving family. The quilts often contained patches of fabric from the deceased's clothing. In the nineteenth century Baltimore women made beautiful applique quilts in memory of soldiers killed in the Mexican-American war.

With advances in technology, photos can now be printed on cloth and, as a result, the Foundation's Fallen Hero Quilts not only provide comfort to grieving families, along with the embroidered tributes, they represent a beautiful legacy of the Fallen Hero to be shared with generations to come.

According to Timothy Miles, Executive Director of the Patchwork Memorials Fallen Heroes Foundation, "All American's owe the families of our Fallen Heroes a debt of gratitude for their incredible sacrifice. Since the birth of our nation, the freedom we enjoy and even take for granted, has been earned and preserved through precious lives lost on fields of battle. If our quilts can bring the families of our Fallen Heroes some small measure of comfort while letting them know just how much American's honor their sacrifice, then I feel privileged to be able to do it.

"With a little support, we look forward to being able to provide Fallen Hero quilts to not only our military Fallen Heroes but for the families of police and firefighters who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty as well."

About Patchwork Memorials Fallen Heroes Foundation

The Patchwork Memorials Fallen Heroes Foundation is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. They are located in Klamath Falls, Oregon. For more information, visit their website at <http://FallenHeroQuilts.org>.